

Simple Ways to Save Water

- Turn off your faucet while washing, brushing teeth or shaving.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you will save up to 150 gallons of water per month.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.



- Install high efficiency toilets and showerheads.
- Check your toilets, pipes and fixtures for any leaks and repair them.
- Check your sprinkler system and timing devices to ensure they are operating properly.
- Install rain sensors that will immediately shut off your sprinkler system when it rains.
- Adjust your sprinklers so that they do not spray the sidewalk, street or house.
- Install automatic shut-off nozzles to hoses.
- Use a broom, not water from a hose, to clean your driveway and sidewalk.
- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.

FACT:

In the City of Dania Beach, the “average” household uses approximately 6,000 gallons of water per month.

More...Simple Ways to Save Water

- Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants helps them retain moisture and saves water, time and money.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than one that is cut too short.

Year-round Water Conservation Benefits

- Reduces wasteful habits.
- Smart and saves money.
- Helps stretch water supplies through the drier months.

For more information on Dania Beach Utilities, visit www.daniabeachfl.gov

Important Numbers:

To report a malfunctioning water meter, call **954-924-6800 x3661**

To report a meter leak, call **954-924-3742**

For information on conservation, visit www.savewaterfl.com



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Did You Know?

Rainfall is Broward County's primary source for replenishing our limited freshwater water supply, with the connected Everglades and Lake Okeechobee serving as backup sources during the

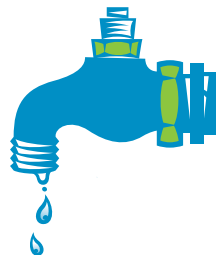
dry season. Help protect our water resources and prevent mandatory or other water-limiting ordinances or restrictions in the future by conserving water today.

- South Florida receives only 30 percent of it's annual rainfall during the 7-month dry season.
- We receive most of our water from aquifers, whether it is drawn from a well or delivered by a utility company. It all comes from the same source.
- The 2008 – 2009 dry season is the third driest on record and wet season rains are not expected until late May or June.
- On average, Broward County receives 55 inches of rainfall per year.
- South Florida residents consume 179 gallons of water per day – the highest water usage in the state.
- Heavy rainfall along the coast, where surface storage is limited and flooding can occur quickly, contributes very little to our overall water supply.

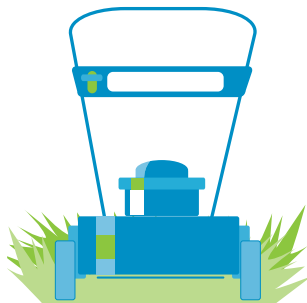
FACT: Approximately 50 percent of all available drinking water is used outside, often wastefully, for excessive lawn and garden irrigation.

Helpful Hints

- Monitor your water bill for unusually high usage. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.



- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They are inexpensive, easy to install and can save up to 750 gallons of water per month.
- Set a timer to remind you when to stop watering and attach a shut-off nozzle to the hose. A running hose can discharge up to 10 gallons of water per minute.
- The next time you add or replace a flower or shrub, choose Florida-friendly plants that need little water. You could save up to 550 gallons of water per year.
- Drop your tissue into the trash instead of flushing it. You'll save water by not flushing it down the toilet.
- Install a drip or micro-irrigation system to save water. These systems deliver water directly to the plant root zone so much less water is lost to the atmosphere.



- Keep lawnmower blades sharp. Clean, sharp cuts cause less trauma to grass blades, making the grass more resistant to disease.

TIP: The easiest way to start saving water is to simply turn off your automatic sprinkler system and operate your system manually!

How Much Water Do You Use Inside Your Home? A Typical Home

	Uses per week	Gallons per use	Total gallons
Dishwasher	4	x 15 =	60
Washing Machine	4	x 60 =	240
Showers	6	x 30 =	180
Tub	1	x 35 =	35
Toilet Flushes	15	x 6 =	90

Total Water Use Per Week (gallons) = 605



How Much Water Are You Using On Your Yard? A Typical Home

Step 1	30 watering minutes per day	x 3 watering days per week	= 90 watering minutes per week
Step 2	90 watering minutes per week	÷ 60 minutes per hour	= 1.5 watering hours per week
Step 3	1.5 watering hours per week	x 1800 gallons per hour	= 2700 gallons per week